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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HIGHLIGHTS -- JANUARY 6-13

1. SUMMARY: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS SCORES TURKISH

"INTRANSIGENCE" AND "DELAYING TACTICS"; CARRIES WILDLY INACCURATE STORIES ON CIA AND AMBASSADOR DAVIES; CRITICIZES USG'S "BLACK-LISING" OF COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT SUPPORT IT IN THE UN; AND GIVES DERWINSKI VISIT MODERATE AND MILDLY CRITICAL COVERAGE (SEE SEPTTEL). RIGHT-WING PRESS LAMPOONS SOVIET UNION POLICY ON CYPRUS. END SUMMARY.

2. RESUMPTION OF TALKS: JANUARY 13 PRESS REPORTS THAT

TALKS WILL PROBABLY RESUME IN VIENNA ON FEBRUARY 17. PAPERS LAMBAST TURKISH "INTRANSIGENCE" AND "DELAYING TACTICS" AND REPORT ON "INTENSIFIED" U.S. AND EEC EFFORTS TO GET TALKS UNDER WAY. PRO-CLERIDES AGON (JAN 9) SCORES "DIABOLIC COLLUSION" BETWEEN ANKARA AND DENKTASH, AIM OF WHICH IS TO TORPEDO TALKS BEFORE THEY BEGIN AND TO PROCLAIM TURK CYPRIOT REPUBLIC. JAN 12 PRO-MAKARIOS WEEKLY KYPROS CALLS FOR GREEK CYPRIOT UNITY ON EVE OF

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TALKS' RESUMPTION.

3. CIA-WELCH ASSASSINATION: SPECULATIVE AND OUTRAGEOUSLY INACCURATE ARTICLES HAVE KEPT CIA ON FRONT BURNER THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND CONTINUED TO PLACE BLAME FOR WELCH MURDER ON CIA. PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA HAS FEATURED ATHENS' ATHINAIKI ARTICLES WHICH LINK MURDERS OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES, WELCH, AND GEORKADJIS (MAKARIOS' FORMER MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR) AND ALLEGE THAT AMBASSADOR DAVIES WAS MURDERED BY CIA BECAUSE HE KNEW TOO MUCH ABOUT PLANS FOR CYPRUS COUP. PRO-MAKARIOS ANGENNISIS (JAN 8) ALSO PEDDLED THEME THAT WELCH MURDERED BY CIA. MAKARIOS MOUTHPIECE PHILELEFTHEROS WRITES THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAS NO EVIDENCE LINKING THE MURDERS, IT IS OBVIOUS FROM DISCLOSURES IN AMERICAN PRESS THAT CIA HAS "DARK, SINISTER AIMS." PRO-COMMUNIST HARAVGHI (JAN 9), DRAWING ON "COUNTER-SPY" STORY, REPORTS THAT CIA ACTIVITY ON CYPRUS HAS INCREASED AND THAT WELCH WAS DEDICATED PROMOTER OF TROUBLE, VIOLENCE, AND OPPRESSION.

4. ANTI-SOVIET CRITICISM: IN WAKE OF KOSYGIN'S TURKISH VISIT, RIGHT-WING (MAKHI AND ELEFTHEROS LAOS) HAVE REPEATEDLY LAMBASTED SOVIET POLICY ON CYPRUS IN RECENT DAYS, PROMPTING DEFENSIVE RESPONSE FROM COMMUNIST HARAVGI. PAPERS POINT TO "UNETHICAL" POLICIES AND "DARK ROLE" PLAYED BY SOVIET UNION; CHARGE THAT SOVIET ATTITUDES AFTER COUP ENCOURAGED TURKISH INVASION; CONTEND THAT SOVIETS COULD MAKE "MORE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION" TO CYPRUS SOLUTION IF THEY WANTED; AND ASSERT THAT US AND SOVIET UNION BOTH DISREGARD JUSTICE AND ARE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUFFERING OF CYPRIOTS. IN SAME VEIN, PAPERS CRITICIZE RECENT TURKISH-CZECH COMMUNIQUE ON CYPRUS AS "SHEER MOCKERY."

5. USG "BLACKLISTING": PRESS ALSO FOCUSED ON NEW YORK TIMES STORIES REGARDING NEWLY ESTABLISHED STATE DEPARTMENT MULTILATERAL RELATIONS OFFICE AND US PLANS TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE AID TO COUNTRIES WHICH VOTE AGAINST US INTERESTS IN UN. PRESS REPORTS THAT CYPRUS IS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES TO BE "BLACKLISTED." JAN 10 TA NEA HEADLINES: "KISSINGER TAKES REVENGE ON ACCOUNT OF CYPRUS' ANTI-AMERICANISM." PHILELEFTHEROS EDITORIAL (JAN 13) COMMENTS NEGATIVELY

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ON "BLACKLIST," REMINDING THAT EVERY COUNTRY MUST VOTE ACCORDING TO ITS OWN INTERESTS. COMMUNIST WEEKLY DEMOKRATIA SAYS NEW POLICY MEANS THAT COUNTRIES RECEIVING AMERICAN AID HAVE SOLD THEIR DIGNITY AND HAVE BECOME A TOOL OF WASHINGTON.

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